<u>REMARKS</u>

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 3, 6, 9, 12 and 14-17 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 are canceled by this amendment.

Applicant notes that the Vadgama et al. (GB 2344221) reference cited by the Examiner in the previous Office Action was not listed on the accompanying PTO-892 form. Accordingly, in order to formally make this reference of record in the application, Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner list this reference on a PTO-892 form and attach this form to the next Office paper.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Vadgama et al. (GB 2344221). As noted above, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 have been canceled by this amendment, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 6, 9, 12 and 14-17 are allowed. Accordingly, as claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 have been canceled by this amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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